

1 of importance to all citizens of the state and as such
2 attaining of petition signatures ought to be done in
3 a responsible manner.

4 The present constitution provides that a
5 majority voting on the referendum question is sufficient
6 to determine the outcome. The committee recommends that if
7 the referred law is rejected by a majority of those voting
8 on the question, and the number of voters voting on that
9 question is not less than one-fourth of the total number
10 of voters voting at such election, the law shall stand
11 repealed.

12 What this means is that it requires but a
13 simple majority, but that it is necessary that 25 per cent
14 of the people who go to the polls that day cast a vote
15 on the referred question.

16 The committee recognized that in all 12
17 questions previously submitted to referendum by petition,
18 the number of voters voting on the question has varied
19 from 30 to 50 per cent. Thus, the provision recommended
20 would have no restrictive effect. Even so, the committee
21 wished to protect against the possibility that at some